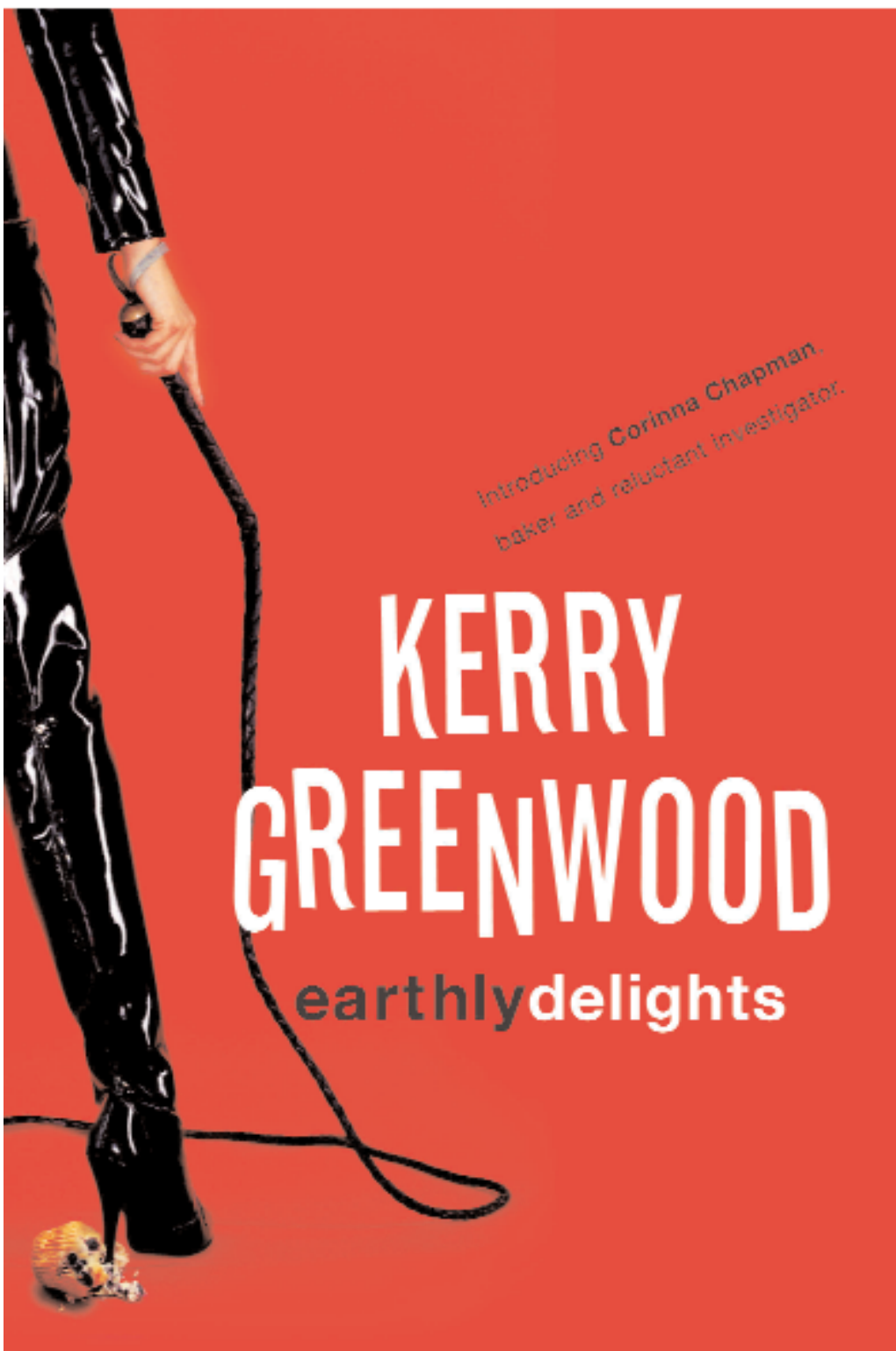


# CRIME CHRONICLE

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"WHERE A GOOD CRIME  
CAN BE HAD BY ALL"



## FEATURE TITLE...

**Earthly Delights**  
by Kerry Greenwood  
(277pp Pb 19.95)

*Kerry Greenwood launches a new series, set in modern Melbourne and introducing Corinna Chapman, baker and reluctant investigator. Baking is an alchemical process for Corinna.*

*At 4 a.m. she starts work at Earthly Delights, her bakery in Calico Alley. But one morning she receives a threatening note saying 'The wages of sin is death' and finds a syringe in her cat's paw. A blue-faced junkie has collapsed in the dark alley and a mysterious man with beautiful eyes appears with a plan for Corinna and her bread. Then it is Goths, dead drug addicts, witchcraft, a homeless boy and a missing girl and it seems she will never get those muffins cooked in time. With flair, chutzpah and a talent for kneading, Corinna will find out who exactly is threatening her life and bake some beautiful bread. This series is sure to please fans of the Phryne Fisher series and I look forward to the next instalment.*

- Peter



# MODERN CRIME

Jane ADAMS

Angel Eyes

312pp Pb 22.00

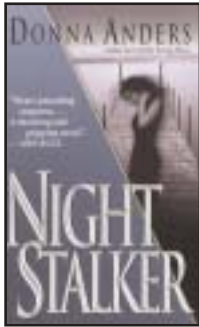
On a cold Sunday morning, ex-copper Ray Flowers has little more to worry about than tackling his unwieldy garden. But his weekend peace is suddenly interrupted by an unexpected phone call. (English)

Donna ANDERS

Night Stalker

390pp Pb 17.95

Julia Farley is a hard-working single mother still recovering from a marriage gone wrong. Suddenly, her family becomes a target of repeated vandalism and physical threats from an unknown predator. (American)



Guillermo ARRIAGA

Sweet Scent of Death

160pp Pb 22.95

A gritty, violent, but cunningly crafted rustic revenge tragedy set in a small Mexican village. With deceptive simplicity, Arriaga depicts how a trail of gunpowder gossip can erupt into unstoppable violence. (Mexican)

Michael ASHER

Sandstorm

384pp Tp 29.95

In 1943, Billy Sterling regains consciousness beside the wreckage of a light aircraft and the corpse of the pilot. In 1950, George Sterling is still experiencing profound anguish over the disappearance of his son, who hasn't been seen for seven years. Then George is contacted by a mysterious stranger who claims to be the co-pilot of the crashed plane and who has information that could lead to Billy - for a price. Another suspenseful thriller from the author of *Rare Earth*. (English)

Marian BABSON

In the Teeth of Adversity (1990)

167pp Pb 17.95

Doug Perkins, his partner Gerry, and their cat, Pandora, have one job to do: spin gaffes into gold. But this cosy little London PR agency is about to get involved in a disastrous *affaire dentaire*. Endicott Zayle, dentist to the rich and famous, has just killed a beautiful woman with an experimental anaesthetic. Or did he? (American)

Christopher BELTON

Isolation 372pp Pb 17.95

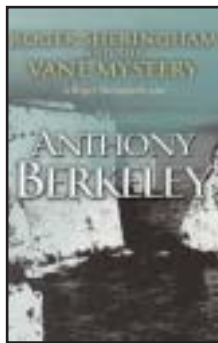
A biologically engineered bacterium (that, at its onset, produces symptoms similar to flu, but in fact is a highly contagious form of meningitis) has accidentally been set loose on the public. Now the disease is spreading like wildfire; can it be stopped? (Anglo/Japanese)

Anthony BERKELEY

Roger Sheringham and the Vane Mystery (1927)

259pp Tp 25.95

When Mrs Vane is found dead at the bottom of the cliffs at Ludmouth Bay, the verdict is of accidental death. Then the editor of *The Courier* sends gentleman sleuth Roger Sheringham to find out why. He uncovers some murky truths about Mrs Vane's life and a second murder. (English)



Margaret BEVEGE

Decision Time 179pp Pb 23.50

This third instalment to feature Elizabeth Ludowski, now firmly established as a Police Commissioner's 'Special', sees her cover another four cases following on from *Rough Passage* (Pb 23.50) and *On Probation* (Pb 23.50). (Australian)

Carmel BIRD

Cape Grimm 302pp Tp 29.95

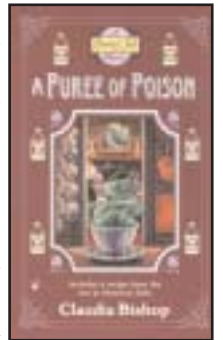
On the far north west coast of Tasmania at Cape Grimm lies the isolated community of Skye, which practices a religion that reveres the imagination. When Caleb Mean is born, his grandmother has a vision telling her he is the Chosen One. On Caleb's 34th birthday, he locks the whole community into the meeting hall and incinerates them. The only survivors are Caleb, his lover Virginia, and their baby daughter, Golden. How could such a thing happen? Do the answers lie in the history of Skye itself or do the only real clues lie in the dark truths of fairytales? (Australian)

Claudia BISHOP

A Puree of Poison #11

260pp Pb 17.95

Hemlock Falls is a pretty little town in upstate New York. Sarah Quilliam, with her talent for business, runs the Inn. Her sister, Meg, keeps the patrons happy with her culinary abilities. But when it comes to murder, the Quilliam sisters have to rely on other skills. (American)



Ingrid BLACK

Dead 416pp Pb 18.95

Five years ago, Ed Fagan, the serial killer known as the Night Hunter, disappeared. Since then nothing has been heard from him. But now a Dublin newspaper has received a letter claiming to be from Fagan with a chilling message: he's going to kill again. When the body of prostitute Mary Lynch is found, the police believe the murderer may well be Fagan. But is it? (Irish)

Alice BLANCHARD

The Breathaker

367pp Tp 29.95

Promise, Oklahoma, is in the middle of Tornado Alley. A deadly twister has left people dead and injured and caused \$40 million worth of damage. At first it seems as though the Pepper family are just four more statistics on the death roll, but Police Chief Charlie Grover soon realises that their bodies have been arranged to look like storm victims, while the cause of their deaths is the hand of man, not an act of god. (American)

## KEY

ACADEMIC



BANKING



CANINE DETECTIVES



CLERICAL



COSY/MALICE DOMESTIC



CULINARY/FOOD



FBI



FELINE DETECTIVES



FORENSIC



HORSE RACING MYSTERY



MEDICAL



MILITARY



NATIVE AMERICAN



POLICE PROCEDURAL



POLITICAL/LEGAL



PSYCHOLOGICAL



PRIVATE EYE



ROMANTIC SUSPENSE



SPORT



SPY



SUSPENSE/THRILLER



AUTHOR'S NATIONALITY AT END OF BLURB

**Lilian Jackson BRAUN**

 **The Cat Who Talked Turkey #26**  
224pp Hb 59.95

When the Klingschoen Foundation decides to build a new bookstore, the people of Moose County prepare to celebrate the gala groundbreaking of the new store. But no one is prepared for the discovery of a man's body on the same day. Now Qwill and his cats have their work cut out for them. (American)

**Christopher BROOKMYRE**

 **The Sacred Art of Stealing**  
410pp Pb 22.95

The press tend to talk about bank robberies as being daring, ingenious and audacious. They don't describe many as Dadaist, even the ones who know what 'Dadaist' means. But how else does one explain choreographed dancing gunmen in Buchanan Street, or the surreal methods they use to stay one step ahead of the cops. (Scottish)

**Edna BUCHANAN**

 **Ice Maiden** 306pp Pb 19.95

A cleverly conceived and expertly executed performance, Buchanan knows both the politics of the newsroom and the cop shop as Britt Montero and Sgt Craig Burch discover that the price of justice can sometimes be too high to pay. (American)

**Mark BURNELL**

 **Gemini** 488pp Pb 14.95


Has a notorious Serbian warlord resurfaced in the Far East? Confirmed dead four years ago in Kosovo, he is Stephanie Patrick's new assignment and the man closely associated with something called Gemini. But what was Gemini? A terror network? An international criminal organisation? Or a myth? (English)

**Ian CALLINAN**

 **Appointment at Amalfi**  
201pp Tp 25.95

This is a whodunit with an existentialist twist in the tail. In the end, Callinan creates a drama of illicit love and crippling remorse. Beneath the glittering surface of fame and triumph lurk a fatal error and unforgivable sin. There is a justice that is beyond the law and it comes from within. (Australian)

**Andrea CAMILLERI**

 **Snack Thief #3** 289pp Pb 15.95

When an elderly man is stabbed to death in an elevator and a crewman on an Italian fishing trawler is machine-gunned by a Tunisian patrol boat off Sicily's coast, only Inspector Montalbano, with his keen insight into human nature, suspects the link between the two incidents. (Italian)

**J R CARROLL**

 **Blindside** 415pp Pb 19.95

Shaun McCreadie was a young detective with a bright future, until he crossed the line and suddenly found himself behind prison bars for his role in a brutal home invasion that left two people dead. 11 years later he is out of jail. The first thing he does is retrieve the \$2.8 million from the heist, in the process locking horns with the man sent to kill him and confiscate the cash. (Australian)

**Mark CHISNELL**

 **Wrecking Crew** 320pp Pb 18.95

Set in the steamy jungles of Indonesia and the shipping lanes of Borneo, this fast paced thriller features modern piracy and psychological dilemmas: can you justify killing someone you don't know in order to save the life of someone you love? And, if so, how many unknown people can you sacrifice? (English)

**Agatha CHRISTIE**

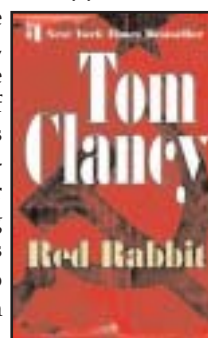
 **Poitrot: The War Years**  
535pp Tp 29.95

This trilogy of bestselling novels includes **One, Two, Buckle My Shoe** (1940), **Five Little Pigs** (1942) and **Taken at the Flood** (1948). (English)

**Tom CLANCY**

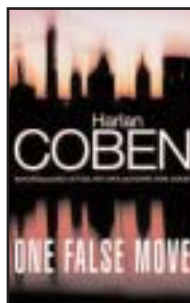
 **Red Rabbit** 928pp Pb 19.95


Long before becoming President, Jack Ryan is a novice CIA Analyst. One of his first assignments is to debrief a high-level Soviet defector who tells an amazing tale of officials planning to assassinate Pope John Paul II. In the end, however, it will not just be the Pope's life, but the stability of the Western world that is at stake. (Australian)

**Harlan COBEN**

 **One False Move (1998)**  
280pp Tp 29.95


Brenda Slaughter is no damsel in distress. Myron Bolitar is no bodyguard. But Myron has agreed to protect the bright, strong and beautiful basketball star. And he is about to find out if he's man enough to unravel the tragic riddle of her life. (American)

**Max Allan COLLINS**

 **CSI: Body of Evidence**  
320pp Pb 14.95

An original novel based on the critically acclaimed television series with all the regular characters. (American)

**Jodi COMPTON**

 **The 37th Hour** 324pp Tp 32.95

On a chilly Minnesota morning, Detective Sarah Pribek comes home to find that her husband and fellow cop, Michael Shiloh, never arrived in Virginia to begin his FBI training. This is a powerful and subtle novel of family, friendship and loss, and a thriller that will catch you off guard at every turn. (American)

**Michael CONNELLY**

 **Lost Light** 341pp Pb 17.95

Harry Bosch has finally quit the LAPD. When he left, he took a file with him; the case of a young woman murdered four years earlier. The crime was linked to a \$2 million robbery on a movie set, and the LAPD think the money was used by terrorists. Now, with time on his hands, Harry looks at the old file again. (American)

**Beverly CONNOR**

 **One Grave Too Many**  
383pp Pb 17.95


This novel introduces one of today's most insightful and complex investigators: forensic anthropologist Diane Fallon. When the dead speak, Diane listens - to their bones... (American)

**Stephen COONTS**

 **Liberty** 481pp Pb 18.95

A *Jake Grafton* novel. In the aftermath of the savage attacks on the World Trade Centre, a new terrorist organisation is determined to mount a deadly strike designed to destroy the USA as a world power. Jake learns that the foreign terrorists have domestic friends. Someone within America wants the attack to succeed. (American)

**William COUGHLIN & Walter SORRELLS**

 **Proof of Intent**  
370pp Pb 17.95

Charley Sloan isn't your typical lawyer. But then again, this isn't your typical case. When famous author and hometown hero Miles Dane is arrested for murdering his wife, it seems like an open and shut case. Only in the crucible of the final fevered moments of the trial will Charley put the pieces together and reveal the stunning truth. (American)

**Robert CRAIS**

 **Last Detective**  
343pp Pb 17.95

*Elvis Cole #9*. Elvis Cole loves his girlfriend Lucy, but his job as a PI has stretched their relationship to the limit; especially when it brings danger too close to Lucy's beloved son, Ben. Lucy left Ben in Elvis's care and then he was kidnapped! They don't want money. They want retribution. (American)

**David CRAY**

**Little Girl Blue** 314pp Tp 29.95  
 Everything changes for Lt Julia Brennan, NYPD, on a January morning in Central Park. The commander of a Manhattan North homicide squad, she inspects the body of an unidentified young girl. Naked, her skin blue from the cold, her feet cut and scraped as if from desperate flight, the grim sight of the dead child in an instant turns Brennan's priorities upside down. (American)

**Murray DAVIES**

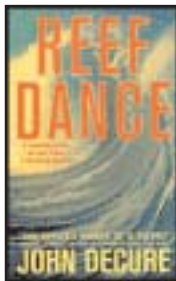
**The Devil's Handshake** 646pp Pb 18.95  
 The compelling drama of a fugitive in a hostile land, confronted with an impossible mission. This novel takes an authentic look at the loneliness and conflicting loyalties often thrown up in wartime. (English)

**Jeffery DEAVER**

**Twisted** 383pp Tp 32.95  
 This collection of 16 short stories is instantly gripping and impossible to put down, taking your breath away time and time again. Nothing is as it seems in the twisted world of Jeffery Deaver. (American)

**John DECURE**

**Reef Dance** 403pp Pb 17.95  
 13 years ago, J Shepard's mother walked out of his life forever. Since then, the rolling surf has been his only escape, a refuge from the daily stress of his job defending parents in the overburdened LA Juvenile Dependency Court. When J is assigned a high profile case, one in which a mother is accused of selling her child to the highest bidder, even a day in the surf doesn't offer solace. (American)

**Jack DEBRUL**

**Deep Fire Rising** 483pp Pb 19.95  
 Geologist adventurer Philip Mercer returns in his latest adventure, beginning beneath the fabled Area 51 and propelling us to the edge of prophesied global destruction. (American)

**Martin EDWARDS (editor)**

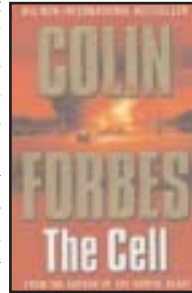
**Mysterious Pleasures** 370pp Tp 35.00  
 On the 50th anniversary of the Crime Writers' Association comes a unique collection of short stories from its most illustrious members. Authors include Robert Barnard, Reginald Hill, Lindsey Davis, Colin Dexter, Val McDermid, Ian Rankin plus 18 more. (English)

**Elaine FLINN**

**Dealing in Murder** 367pp Pb 16.95  
 A Molly Doyle mystery. Elizabeth Porter was a top-of-the-line Manhattan antiques dealer until her ex-husband and his lover's flagrantly criminal scam left her reputation in tatters. Now, using a new name, Molly Doyle, she is starting over in a rundown antiques shop in cosy Carmel, California. (American)

**Colin FORBES**

**The Cell** 424pp Pb 18.95  
 Is Al-Qa'eda about to attack London? Tweed, reverting to his one time role as shrewd detective, is convinced of this. Aided by Paula Grey and Bob Newman, he skilfully eludes government security services who believe he is wrong. (English)

**Colin FORBES**

**No Mercy** 322pp Tp 29.95  
 Tweed, once top Yard detective, now SIS Deputy Director, reluctantly agrees to check out suspect Michael, urged by his old friend, Superintendent Buchanan. Found by Buchanan seated on steps in Whitehall, Michael uttered only three words: "I witnessed murder". (English)

**John FRANCOME**

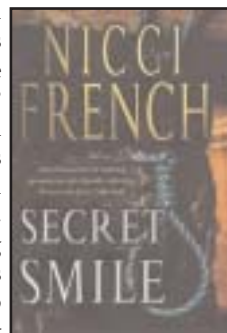
**Inside Track** 416pp Pb 18.95  
 Pippa Hutchinson is an aspiring young trainer. She enlists the help of her brother Jamie, once a star jockey and now trying to revive his career. But former wild boy Jamie has demons to deal with - like the hostility of those who can never forgive him for a young lad's death. (English)

**John FRANCOME**

**Stalking Horse** 311pp Tp 32.95  
 Francome brings authenticity to tales of the horse racing circuit and, like Dick Francis, goes beyond the thunder of the turf to the skulduggery of the trading ring. (English)

**Nicci FRENCH**

**Secret Smile** 309pp Tp 29.95  
 How could something as innocent as a smile lead to murder? When Miranda Cotton returns from work to find her new boyfriend, Brendan, reading her diary, she ends the relationship and throws him out of her flat. Getting Brendan out of her life, however, is not so easy. (English)

**Reg GADNEY**

**Scholar of Extortion** 384pp Tp 29.95  
 An exhilarating, white knuckle thriller about modern piracy in the Far East. In Klaas-Pieter Terajima, Gadney has created Alan Roslyn's most fearsome foe to date, and perhaps one of the most convincing and terrifying psychopaths in contemporary fiction. (English)

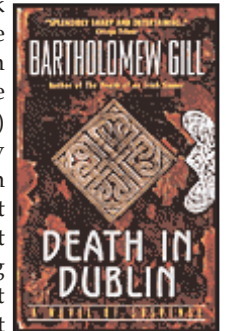
**Paul GARRISON**

**Sea Hunter** 374pp Pb 19.95  
 There is something swimming beneath the placid surface of Caribbean waters; something sleek and frightening, an inexplicable perversion of the natural order. Virgin Islands charter captain David Hope has seen it, and his passenger, beautiful renegade filmmaker Sally Moffitt, has captured its image. Now, they have something that one man will do anything to possess. (American)

**Bartholomew GILL**

**Death in Dublin** 352pp Pb 17.95

The theft of The Book of Kells (an exquisite 9th century amalgam of Christian doctrine and Celtic legend) from the Trinity College library is, in itself, a most shocking crime. But it is the brutal slaying of the night watchman that throws Peter McGarr of the Dublin Murder Squad into the mix. (Irish)

**Dorothy GILMAN**


**Kaleidoscope** 241pp Pb 17.95  
 Madame Karitska, who first appeared in the 'Clairvoyant Countess' returns in this second charming mystery featuring the psychic Madame and her good friend Detective Lieutenant Pruden. (American)

**Victor GISCHLER**


**Gun Monkeys** 284pp Tp 27.50  
 Charlie Swift is an old school kind of guy. Runs a tight ship. Respects his boss. Takes care of his mum and kid brother. And he is a stone cold killer, because in Charlie's world, problems are solved with bullets, blades and brass knuckles. So, when a fancy new wave hood, hungry for the prime Orlando territory Charlie enforces, offs most of Charlie's boys in a bloody mob takeover, our man has got to step in and make it right. (American)




**Leonard GOLDBERG**

 **Fever Cell** 367pp Pb 17.95  
In the men's room at LAX, an unidentified passenger has been found murdered. Authorities suspect ties to a terrorist organisation. But the answer to who killed him and why remains frustratingly out of reach. Called in by the FBI to perform the top secret autopsy is forensic pathologist Joanna Blalock, but even she and her partner, homicide detective Jake Sinclair, cannot foresee the implications of the victim's death. (American)


**Kat GOLDRING**

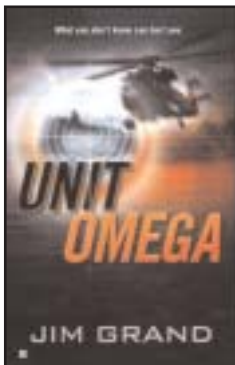
 **Work of the Angels** 279pp Pb 15.95  
Schoolteacher Willi Gallagher is a regular kind of girl in a not so regular town. The next door neighbours read palms and hold séances, and the town investigator haunts her with cryptic riddles. Then murder enters the scene and Willi wants to help the investigation in any way she can. The third in this whimsical but delightful series. (American)


**Winston GRAHAM**

 **Marnie (1961)** 319pp Hb 30.95  
Winston Graham is best known as the creator of the historical Poldark novels, which were later turned into a BBC TV series. The charming Marnie presents a professional facade to the world, but beneath the surface, she is a rebel against the law. (English)


**Jim GRAND**

 **Unit Omega** 299pp Pb 17.95  
In charge of investigating unusual scientific phenomena for the UN, Harold Collins is the last word in the unexplained. When a world renowned scientist reports a sighting of the legendary Loch Ness monster, Collins thinks it is the chance he needs to prove his worth. But the disturbance turns out to be much bigger (and more dangerous) than the folklore ever suggested. The monster is only the beginning. (American)


**Chloe GREEN**

 **Fashion Victim** 288pp Pb 15.95  
*The third Dallas O'Connor mystery.* What Dallas is not ready for is the dead body that washes up on the beach, and then disappears without a trace. The girls laugh it off to a bad hangover from too much rum punch. But no one is laughing when one of the girls is nearly poisoned to death. (American)


**Bill GUY**

 **Smokescreens and Searchlights** 280pp Tp 29.95  
This is a novel that reflects the endemic practice of deception by people of power who operate behind a screen of secrecy, cover-up and downright lies. It involves a mining company, a dead boy, a newspaper editor, whistleblowers and a cover-up by politicians and the company. (Australian)


**Georgie HALE**

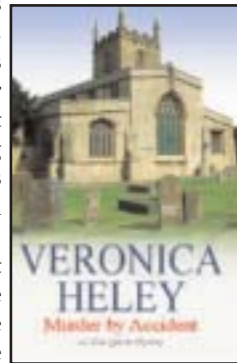
 **Better Than Death** 308pp Pb 18.95  
25 years ago, Matthew Cosgrave and four fellow students at Blackport University were tried for a serious crime. Acquitted, Matthew went on to a happy marriage and a successful career. But then Spike Vardon, Matthew's best friend from college days, is killed in a mysterious drowning accident and Matthew receives a letter that shakes the very foundations of his comfortable existence. (English)


**Erin HART**

 **Haunted Ground** 448pp Pb 19.95  
When a severed head is found in an ancient bog in southeast Galway, it may be an historical relic or the answer to a local mystery. As Cormac Maguire and Nora Gavin investigate, they reawaken interest in the missing Mina Osborne, who vanished - with her son - two years ago. Recommended. (American)


**Veronica HELEY**

 **Murder by Accident** 252pp Hb 54.95  
Adjusting to life as a wealthy widow, Ellie Quick is shattered to hear that her difficult but endearing Aunt Drusilla has been killed in a freak accident. What if it were not a genuine accident? The police are suspicious of all those closest to Aunt Drusilla. Ellie struggles to keep her dysfunctional family from falling apart as each one in turn is suspected of murder. (English)


**Daniel HECHT**

 **City of Masks** 451pp Pb 18.95  
Lucretia Black's skills are tested to the limit when she is hired to investigate the haunting of fragile Lila Beauforte in her ancestral New Orleans home. Is Lila insane? Could an unsolved murder in the Beauforte house some years earlier be responsible for the apparition now tormenting her? Or could Cree be dealing with a case of suppressed memory, something that happened in Lila's own past? (American)


**Reginald HILL**

 **Good Morning, Midnight** 466pp Tp 29.95  
The 20th in the Dalziel and Pascoe series. Heredity seems to have gone a gene too far when Pal Maciver's suicide in a locked room exactly mirrors that of his father ten years ago. In each case, accusing fingers point towards Pal's stepmother, the beautiful, enigmatic Kay Kafka. But she turns out to have a formidable champion Andrew Dalziel. DCI Peter Pascoe, nominally in charge of the case, finds he is constantly body-checked by his superior as he tries to disentangle the complex relationships of the Maciver family. (English)


**Metsy HINGLE**

 **Flash Point** 376pp Pb 17.95  
New York photographer Kelly Santos hides behind her camera and her talent, where no one can know about her tragic past or the visions that haunt her. Now, the past is calling out to her, calling her back to her native New Orleans to the hidden danger that waits. (American)


**Tami HOAG**

 **Three Great Novels** 1,001pp Tp 29.95  
This omnibus contains *Ashes to Ashes* (1999), *Dust to Dust* (2000) and *Dark Horse* (2001). (American)


**Tami HOAG**

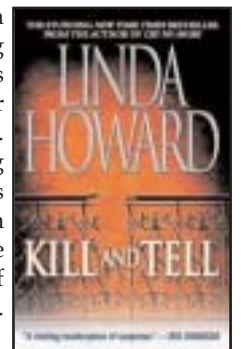
 **Two Great Novels** 825pp Tp 19.95  
Contains *Night Sins* (1995) and *Guilty as Sin* (1996). (American)

**William HOFFMAN**


 **Wild Thorn** 294pp Pb 19.95  
This is a lyrical, yet hard-boiled, genre-bending crime novel that captures the nuances of West Virginia's peculiar beauty and its small town eccentrics. The digging up of secrets about a murder threatens to make powerful enemies of those who are fearful of the truth. (American)

**Linda HOWARD**


 **Kill and Tell** 305pp Pb 16.95  
Still reeling from her mother's recent death, Karen Whitlaw is stunned when she receives a package containing a mysterious notebook from her estranged father. Then a shocking phone call: Karen's father has been murdered on the gritty streets of New Orleans. (American)




**James HUSTON**

 **Secret Justice** 343pp Tp 29.95  
Huston takes the hottest issue of our time - the War on Terrorism - and explores it in a compelling thriller filled with high stakes courtroom drama and the shadowy world of American Special Forces operations. (American)


**John HUXLEY**

 **Dead Parrot** 272pp Pb 24.95  
This is a novel with a difference. It is a bird-watcher thriller. In addition to being a great read, it delves into Australia's fastest-growing pastime. It explores how and why some birders have transformed this 'genteel' pursuit into a competitive sport. Set in Sydney, it has some astute and humorous observations and insights into life in the emerald city. (Australian)


**Bill JAMES**

 **The Girl with the Long Back #20** 239pp Hb 42.95  
Big trouble is brewing among the drug barons on the patch policed by Detective Chief Superintendent Harpur and his unpredictable boss, Assistant Commissioner Iles. (English)


**Quintin JARDINE**

 **Unnatural Justice** 247pp Tp 32.95  
*Oz Blackstone series #7.* Crawling from backstage are some very nasty characters who will resort to murder to get what they want, but Oz has never ducked out of confrontation. As he prepares to fight back, he knows he is being sucked into a vortex of evil. (Scottish)


**Iris JOHANSEN**

 **Fatal Tide** 320pp Tp 30.00  
When marine researcher Melis Nemid moved to her own Caribbean island and devoted herself to the study of dolphin behaviour, she hoped to put behind her a nightmarish past torn by violence. But it soon becomes clear that Melis is treading dangerous waters. (American)


**Iris JOHANSEN**

 **No One to Trust** 296pp Pb 18.95  
Elena Kyler is an assassin trained by the military, and a loner. Now she finds herself on the run from one dangerous man, intent on destroying her, and turning to another for help. (American)


**Bett Reece JOHNSON**

 **The Woman Who Found Grace** 261pp Tp 28.95  
Cordelia Morgan has never aspired to the humdrum life. She is brilliant, rebellious and ever itching for another adrenalin high. She has had plenty of them during her years as ace-specialist for an international 'contracting' company. And since defecting, while on assignment in New Mexico, she has been at the top of The Company's hit list, and on the run. Could it be that even Cordelia has had enough? (American)


**Stuart KAMINSKY**

 **Not Quite Kosher #7** 254pp Pb 17.95  
Abe Lieberman is a strong, sympathetic character, an everyman whose love for his family is only matched by his quiet, zealous commitment to justice. Together with his Irish partner Bill Hanrahan, they make an odd pair as a detective team in Chicago. (American)


**Stuart KAMINSKY**

 **To Catch a Spy** 230pp Tp 29.95  
Hollywood gumshoe Toby Peters (who has played sleuth to such movie luminaries as Humphrey Bogart, the Marx Brothers, Bette Davis, Mae West and Charlie Chaplin) finds himself working for Cary Grant. This is the 22nd in the series set in 1940s Los Angeles. (American)


**Alex KAVA**

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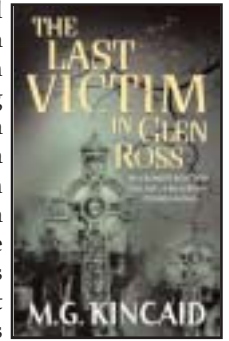
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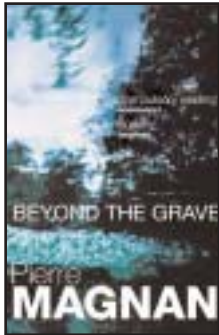
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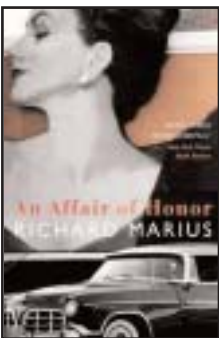
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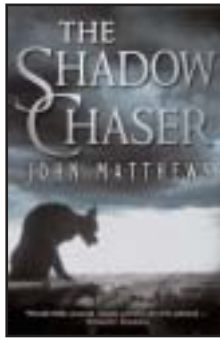
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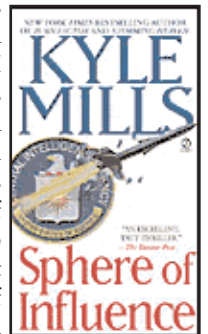
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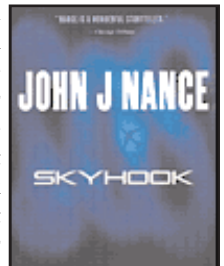
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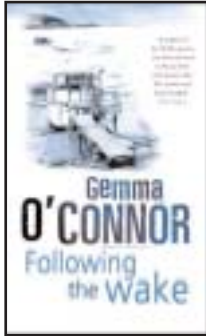
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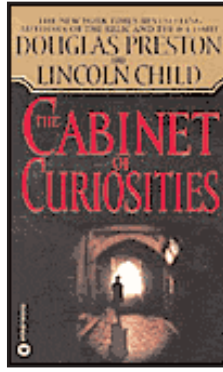
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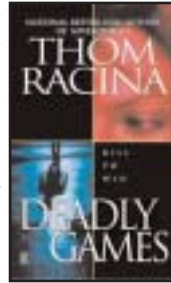
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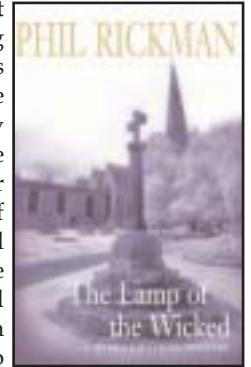
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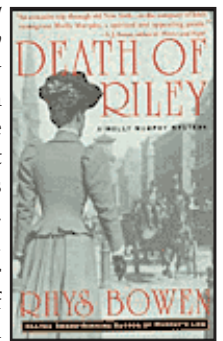
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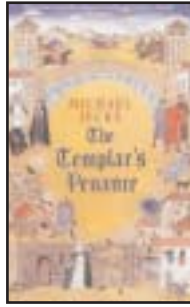
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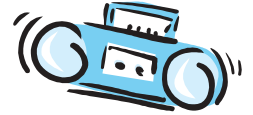
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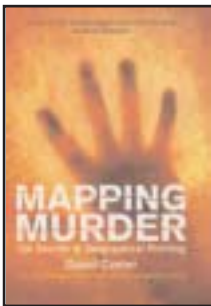
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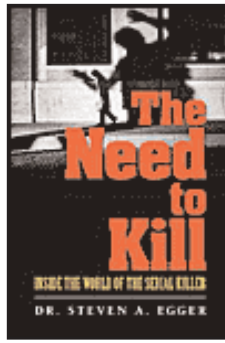


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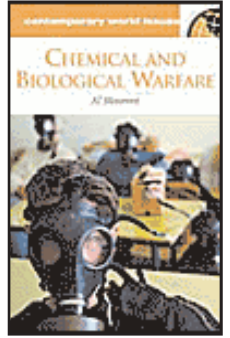
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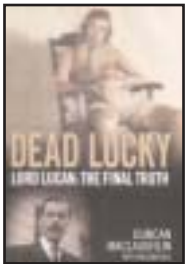
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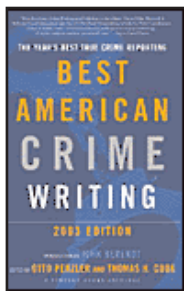


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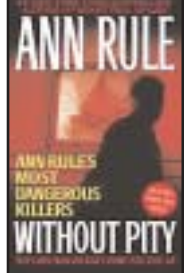
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